

**Town of Groton Zoning Board
754 North Groton Road
Groton, NH 03241**

Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2016

The Groton Zoning Board convened at 7:05 PM. Members in attendance were Frank Grelle, Mark Watson and Nancy Watson.

Alternate member Otto Jespersen attended.

Glen Hansen and Chuck Stata were absent.

Frank motioned for Otto to be a voting member in Chuck's absence. Mark seconded. The vote passed Yes - 3, No - 0, Absent - 2.

Minutes from the May 16, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Mark motioned to accept the minutes as written. Nancy seconded. The vote passed Yes - 3, No - 0, Absent - 2, Otto abstained due to his absence at the May 16th meeting.

Old Business

Notice of Decision - Madden Auto Repair - Otto needs to sign the "Notice of Decision". Mark had an original copy, which Otto signed at the meeting. Madden Auto Service experienced a change of ownership since the decision. The NHMA clarified the granted special exception runs with the land and not the owner, so the change is not an issue at this time for the Zoning Board.

A recap of the Planning and Zoning Board Conference was provided by attendees. Mark added the conference was very helpful and informative. There were good speakers and lawyers are available to assist towns. Surprisingly, small farmers comprise a large part of industry in NH. A map was presented that showed the towns represented at the conference and very few attendees were from northern NH. The conference was a large expenditure of the ZB budget this year.

Historic Byways updates - Mark said the ZB is waiting for the Master Plan to be updated before the Historic Byway designation is pursued.

New Business

Master Plan Draft and Review - A work session is scheduled for September 14th. The draft is projected to be completed by this date. It will be beneficial for ZB members to attend the work session. Members will be permitted to provide input between September 15th to September 28th. ZB members should meet somewhere between the two dates.

Otto moved to schedule a ZB meeting on September 19th to review the Master Plan draft. Frank seconded. The vote passed Yes - 4, No - 0, Absent - 2. The meeting is dependent on the final draft availability and can be postponed to a later date. Mark will contact Deb to make sure she sends the final draft to him as soon as possible, so he can circulate it to ZB members to review prior to the September 19th meeting.

Natural Resources and Land Use section of the Master Plan - Elizabeth Jespersen, member of the public in attendance, informed the ZB the Conservation Commission has not met to date to approve the expense for contributing to maps as requested by the Planning Board. It is difficult to determine the status at this point and the ZB will have to wait for the outcome.

The date for the next meeting was previously scheduled for September 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Questions and Comments - The subject of communication between the Board was discussed. Communication is good with the exception of Glen. He doesn't have e mail and Mark has tried to work through Sara. Minutes and notices will have to be delivered through Sara when Glen picks up his paycheck. Mark will talk to Sara about arranging for this.

Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Frank seconded. The motion passed Yes - 4, No - 0, Absent - 2.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Watson
Groton Zoning Board Secretary
September 1, 2016